(iii) The reports showed that the ravages and hardships were real.

(iv) Yes.

Prohibition—crime.

330. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—(a) whether they have noted the opinion of Mr. Parsons (page 39, the Illustrated Weekly of India, dated September 27, 1931) that the increase in crime can be definitely traced to prohibition;

(b) how the Government intend to counteract the menacing prohibition propaganda that is being carried on in this country with special reference to (a);

(c) whether they are aware that their policy of mercilessly taxing liquor is only expediating the danger indicated in (a)?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) No.

(b) The Government do not intend to take any action in connection with any peaceful propaganda that may be carried on for this purpose.

(c) The Government do not think that the increased tax on liquor can in any way be responsible for an increase in crime. The duty is imposed as a check against excessive consumption of liquor.

331. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to the further remarks of the authority quoted in question 330, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how they have appreciated the drawbacks of the social custom of treating the woman something in the line of private property;

(b) whether they conform to the finding that (a), is also another factor causing the increase in crimes;

(c) what the Government intend to do with reference to (a) and (b)?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) As the Government are not in possesion of the article referred to in the question, they are unable to give any opinion in the matter.

(b) The Government are unable to express any opinion in this matter also for the very same reason.

(c) The Government do not at present intend to take any action.

332. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any objection to consult the Local Government of Aligarh and state whether some arch-prohibitionists of the Aligrah Muslim University have not been

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freely practising the crime of poisoning, and thus justifying Mr. Parson s contention already referred to in a previous question of mine;

(b) whether the criminals referred to in (a) are not the sympathizers and blood-relatives of some notorious prohibitionists claiming a Pan-Indian Leadership who command a further charm of abetting anarchy and bloodshed by the propagation of the ungrateful and unimaginative idea of complete severence from Great Britain among an audience of impulsive youths, fanatic Moplahs, and fierce frontier tribes;

(c) how the Government intend to mend things in future?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) The Government do not think it necessary to do so.

(b) The Government have no information in the matter.

(c) The Government do not consider that any action is called for in the matter at present.

Delay in post-mortem examination.

333. Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Will the Government be to pleased state:—

(a) whether any case has been brought to the notice of the Government of delay in post-mortem examination causing difficulties in detecting cause of death;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, the number of times such instances have occurred and the names of the medical officers responsible for the same;

(c) whether any action has been taken to prevent repetition of delay in future?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Yes.

(b) Two.

In both cases the delay was unavoidable, in as much as the bodies were received in the Hospital late in the evening. Nobody is therefore responsible for the delay in examination. Assistant Surgeons Messrs. T. Gopala Menon and K. Achyuta Marar conducted the post-mortem in the two cases.

(c) Yes.

Duties of Traffic Inspector.

334. Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what are the duties of the Traffic Inspector in relation to the Traffic constables;

(b) are not the traffic Head constable and constables trained for their work by the Inspectors in charge of the Police Station;

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